## Gessler Only National Who Has Been Mum Since Receiving His Contract

TWO BIG LOCAL QUINTS

and Georgetown will be played tomor-

have already demonstrated their superior-

That Catholic University will make a

near as well as did the Blue and Gray

against Virginia, it must be remembered

that the most dependable man they have

from the line-up made all the difference

Colliflower and Waldron had been out of the line-up against Virginia when George-

met the Orange and Blue, what would

have happened to Georgetown? It is safe

to say that the Hilltoppers would not have

won. Fred Rice is just about the same

to the Catholic University team that Col-

that is a great deal. Take either out

eam is at least 20 per cent less efficient.

From the games that have been re-

every game they have played this year

offense. Of course, the absence of Rice and Horan caused the Brooklanders to

show weaker in both departments of the

game against Virginia than they really are, but it must also be taken into con-

better right now than it has been at any

the comparative strength of the two

and Horan will make up the difference

that appeared in the two teams when

they went against Virginia on successive

There is no question but that George Washington will have the best set of re-

prep schools some mighty good attrac-

The biggest event scheduled to take

certain that a dual race will take place

Believing that relay races are the most

between Tech and Western.

Waldron broke into the game

iflower is to the Georgetown bunch, and

ity over Gallaudet.

night. The contest will be one of

two which will decide the champion-

TO MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

Georgetown and Catholic University Fives

Appear Well Matched—George Washing-

ton Will Have Good College Relays.

better showing against Georgetown than to it in actual work. Few men could be

DOC GESSLER HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM BY GRIFFITH

Questionable If Veteran Intends to Quit Game - Long Preliminary Motion of Pitchers to Be Abandoned.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Doc Gessler is the only one of the Nationals from whom Manager Griffith has hitting infielders. heard nothing since sending him his conbeen received from him by the local manager, and nothing is known as to what he intends doing.

Gessler has threatened to quit the game on several occasions, but never has, and believed that this is his intention at the present time. Griffith believes that Gessler will report at Charlottesville fellow is in base ball for some years he does not look upon the signing of a contract as an extraordinary proposition, and Gessler is believed to belong to this class.

One thing that the pitchers on the local staff will have to learn is to cut out their swing motion. Griffith does not betheir swing motion. Griffith does not be-lieve anything is gained by a pitcher tak-big league battle. The debutante, using ing a long motion. In fact, he believes it is wearing on the pitcher and prevents

him from going a long route. Take in the old days, when a pitcher was allowed to take a hop, skip and jump before delivering the ball; he did not get as much on it as do the presentday twirlers, who are forced to stand on a rubber and take little or no preliminary motion," argued Griffith. "It is all rot to have a pitcher wind up like a

windmill in an effort to get something on the ball, for it does not have that effect. Take your great pitchers, and they are almost without exception men who take little or no wind-up, and yet have a lot on and tribulations that a magnate must take kindly to the change."

"If we get one good pitcher out of the unch of youngsters we will take south I will be well satisfied," said Griff.
"That is a good percentage. You can't figure on developing a whole batch from will satisfy me, and I will consider my- Brooklyn. Work on the plant will be-self lucky if I find such a man out of gin within a week, and he hopes to have

Griffith closed a contract with a local meat dealer this morning, who will keep the Nationals' camp at Char-lottesville supplied with fresh meats. The close of the 1910 season from the Griff is a stickler for good food dur-Nebraska State League, has been add-

contracts this morning, Griffith's mail in the minors the left-hander will be containing but one letter pertaining ripe for another trial in fast company.

BOWLING BATTLES.

RAILROAD Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

Engineers. Interference.

Adams... 184 162 187 Grindle... 168 179 185
Lesh.... 176 147 132 Houston... 142 138 157
Lasange... 153 134 154 Gourley... 159 150 166
Pipes... 154 131 196 Grover... 139 145 164
Roepke... 171 177 145 Savage... 161 148 141

ARCADE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Arcade Market.

97 Strieter.. 86 105 77 Stoble... 118 88 ... 96 Platz... 125 108 95 Stanley.. 96 96 1 89 Jerman... 87 81

Totals .: 505 454 478 Totals ..

to base ball, and that was from a fan who insists that Walter Johnson should be traded for a couple of hard-

It's well enough to exploit the wontract. That Gessler received the docu-ment was evidenced by the return of the sons, Johnsons and Benders, but probregistered letter receipt, but no word has ably two of the greatest pitching feats of the game came through over thirty years ago, when base ball was even deeper "in its infancy" than Col. Ebbets ever dreamed of, says Grant-

> The leading hero was John Mont-gomery Ward, who has slipped back into the pasture again. Providence that season flew the pennant, with 59 victories and 25 defeats. Ward worked in 65 games, winning 50 and dropping 15. The Boston magnate pitched his people into first place unaided, and unaided held them there. Which is considerable pitching, for 1879 or 1976.

> Arthur Irwin relates another bizarre episode which developed that same season. Worcester was facing Chicago, and an arm with southern exposure, began his career facing Pop Anson, Mike Kelley, Silver Flint, Dalrymple, Gore, Richardson, Burns-one of the hardest hitting battle-orders of the game. The one man who reached first off Richmond was Dalrymple, on a pass. Richmond still stands as the first recruit that ever start-

President Charles Ebbets of the Brook lyn club believes that a club's first duty is to its patrons. He says: "It frequently happens that base ball fans do not understand or have knowledge of all the trials the ball. I propose to prevent long premining the ball. I propose to prevent long premining the base ball club. To my mind the lines to make a wonder-thus help them. It will make a wonder-thus help them. ship may bring with it better artistic and financial results, but the health and safeit ready for use before the playing sea-

Clarence Mitchell, the young southing the training period, and will not ed to the delegation of Tigers headed take any chances. There was no addition to the signed that with one more season's experience

Totals.. 260 272 271 Totals.. 287 252

86 75 W.Step'n 89 97 83 70 93 Trotter.. 86 75 75 75 75 Shreve... 82 87 103 85 99 G.Burns. 95 97 82 84 105 McKerl'er 90 116 101

Totals.. 428 400 447

IS SILENT ON CONTRACT.



DOC GESSLER.

being governed by it. This means that he had either hand to play, might prove sideration that the Georgetown five is the caliber of ball played by this league a failure. Hank is an experiment, pure and simple. He will have to show that he can manage a team before he can be Only players who are free agents and given credit of being in the same class teams seems to lie in whether Fred Rice surely are not many free agents, and what few there are probably do better in organized base ball than with the new

The season is to open in May, and the

Base ball has advanced too much for teur leagues in the big cities are un-doubtedly better fortified than this new Here in Washington, for inthere are a dozen amateur leagues, several of which have inclosed ball parks. It is a safe prediction that 75 per cent of these leagues are artistically as strong as the team which will represent this city in the United States ers to form another strong league is ab-surd, since it is a fact that there are not eral months' lay-off stands to reason, nough players of class to keep the two but it is not believed that he can stand

John M. Ward, the new head of the Boston National League club, is having some trouble inducing Mike Donlin to get into the fold. Mike made good last season, once he got into condition, and he naturally figures that he is worth as much salary now as he drew during the days when he was the idol of New York fans. Donlin is another illustration of the possibility of a player com-ing back after several years' lay-off, pro-Totals. 442 472 444 viding he takes care of himself. This winter in Cuba Donlin, who invaded there with the Giants, played the best ball of any of the New York outfield. He hit as of yore and actually showed his old speed, so that Boston will hardly be Shad Link Agrees to Throw Two

In the National League race the Phil-Charlie Hemphill is batting about .500 several years, and the addition of two in the Winter League as manager of the such brilliant pitchers as Alexander and Atlanta Crackers. He needs only a few Chalmers last spring should have landed good twirlers to put his team in the hunt the flag but for accidents. from start to finish, and these will doubt- Of course, the head of the club, Horace less be supplied him by Wolverton. If Fogel, is a great handicap, and means

less be supplied him by Wolverton. If Fogel, is a great handicap, and means Wolverton's veteran tossers satisfy him it should be devised to send that worthy 109 is likely that the new manager of the gentleman on a trip around the world just 82 Hilltoppers will leave most of the colt about the time the season opens.

by the rival teams, seems logical, but he got his education from an umpire's stand-According to the promoters of the point, and that is quite different from the managerial end. O'Day has for years been in the position of the man who looks oungsters are to be employed, and there with men who have made a success of

to add a left-handed pitcher or two to his In accurate goal shooting and passing pitching staff, Griffith will have to give a Catholic University seemed to be close ing of the local lad. It is the general ments the Hilltoppers un last fall, while not brilliant, was good morrow night are slightly in favor of an unequipped, weak organization to cut taken into consideration that it was his versity would seem to be little less than any figure as a rival to the majors. Ama-

It takes time to get a line on a young pitcher. He may get away with nothing for a few games, but to prove his worth he must give a consistent performance

pitched balls, and he would be pitched balls, and he would be regresented by seven will be represented by seven will be seen Thorpe, the all-amateur half-back, who has been designated by competent critics as the greatest all-round athlete in the world today.

WRESTLING MATCHES

has met and defeated some of the best ed has not yet been decided, but it is

The two local lads who will be pitted attractive events on the program at any against Link are the Zerega brothers, meet, Manager Hodgkins has arranged Louis and Frank. Both boys have done at least fifteen for the Hatchetites meet, ome very creditabe work on the mat besides the regular numbers of individual Fowler... 101 103 104 Carroll... 114 98 86 velle has been promised to Hemphill unless the Virginia boy proves a real phedid line on the fine points of the game. Totals.. 507 572 492 Totals.. 518 467 464 nom on his second trial.

base ball commission had a busy session last night in revising those parts of the The first of the two basket ball games scheduled between Catholic University that the right spots were touched and that when the changes made last night are in force they will result in the betterment of conditions to a great extent. A great deal of credit and commendaship of the District, as the Brooklanders tion is due Mr. Jackson, who has been made chairman of the rules committee, for the close interest which he has taken

in the work and the time he is devoting

is generally expected is certain. While found who would give the time to the the Brooklanders failed to do anywhere development of the game that he has During the coming season a man wil be allowed to play with but one team, was out of the game, as was also one and after being released by that team will not be allowed tot sign with it again of the regular forwards. Neither Fred until at least one year has elapsed. That Rice nor Horan was in the game against clause will do away with the habit the Virginia and the absence of those men be termed lending players to other clubs in the world in the play of the five as a so that they might get in at the finish team. Suppose, for instance, George at the end of the season and win a pen-Colliflower and Waldron had been out of nant which otherwise might have been

one league to transfer to another commission at the beginning of the year, unless they are closed to teams composed of different branches of a department, will be declared outlaws, and will not be allowed to contest against teams of the line-up of the two teams and that or players which are under the governing body. Also the first contract that is played both Georgetown and Catholic University have more or less of three-man teams. Georgetown has Waldron, Colliflower and Schlosser, on whom it depends for the majority of its gains, while the last mentioned school has Mc-Donnell, Lambert and Rice for its mainginning of the year by having players send in two or three contracts to as many against Virginia for the first time this year and the way he shot goal showed that he has not lost his ability to place different teams. Ball players who have been tried out by professional teams if the ball in the ring from almost any will be allowed to play with any amateur distance. Schlosser and Collinower have team with which they may care to affilibeen the bedrock of the Blue and Gray ate. Another factor that was considered five all year. Lambert is a good guard was the getting of a man eligible to play and if played in that position against in the post-season series by simply using Georgetown will show well, but at cen- a man in the box for one inning of three gainst a man like Schlosser, he will games and having him ready to play the Catholic University has scored the most of its points so far this year, while Rice's value to the team is well known.

Georgetown has a better defensive team then has Catholic University to the conditions the only thing that can be done with a player is to put him into the box to pitch.

the Hillioppers have been a hard bunch to score on. On the other hand, until the Virginia games it appeared that the

time during the season. The question of Georgetown is Arranging for Big College

enough to give promise when the fact is Georgetown winning, while Catholic Uni- that with the opening of the comof its meet, February 10, that have ever stitution. Both from the colleges and the tions have been carded, races between schools which have always been bitter rivals and which should be exceptionally tennis players on the heights will have the three succeeding teams, which icst place between any two schools is that between Swarthmore and Carlisle Indian School. The two institutions have always six courts, which will compare favorably with any tennis courts in the vicinity. engaged as field coach during the last With the completion of the work on season, but he determined largely the with any tennis courts in the vicinity. the Georgetown courts Manager McQuillen will have overcome the last obstacle in the way of intercollegiate tennis matches being held on the West End grounds. Already steps have been taken in this connection also that the Indians by the racquet executive over the creek to arrange matches with several of the ments have been made with the Navy and Virginia for-matches to be played in shipmen will be held at Annapolis, while Georgetown's ancient rivals from Virginia most interesting is the one between Virington and Lee would sacrifice every other game on its schedule for the entire year in almost any branch of sport to actuated by that kind of a spirit it is rather certain that it will not do poorly s Manager McQuillen's plan to play each heavy right to the jaw. After Kiaus had college on the schedule one match, as it stood off Brown in the fourth with left will be impossible to arrange return jabs to the face, Brown swung himself matches next season, but it is agreed off his feet and fell heavily. In the fifth upon that the colleges on the West End Klaus held his shade by working right tennis schedule, with the exception of and left to the stomach while the men the Navy, will alternate with the Blue were fighting head to head. The final schools Tome Institute, Central and Gray outfit in playing on the home found both mixing it in the ring center courts. The local racquet outfit will also with Klaus having the better of the inbe taken on a trip either to New York fighting and Brown the jabbing. How the scholastic teams will be matchcial proposition can be had.

> nnounced at the recent Southern League meeting, Evansville has renewed its efforts to get into the Dixie League, Probase ball men. Tex Jones of the St. moters in the Indiana town stand ready Joseph Western League team, drafted by to guarantee a better attendance than Chicago; Albert Isbell of the Pueblo team, that shown by either Montgomery or Mo- a brother of Frank Isbell, formerly White bile and also point to a considerably Sox star, and Umpire Dick Morgan of the The rules committee of the amateur larger population.

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Gives Up Position at Old Nassau to Devote His Time to Practice of Law.

PRINCETON, N. J., January 30.-William W. Roper, for many years a prominent factor in the athletics of Princeton University, has resigned as director of athletics, according to his own statement Princeton's foot ball policies since the fall of 1906, excepting the year 1910, and was two years ago elected to be director of athletics, a position created by the

generally known. Roper was graduated

ciation, February 10. It is generally sup-Although witnessing only one victor: Roper coached the 1906 team that the Yale after an enviable record, and d illed by small margins. He was not actively policy of the coaches.

FRANK KLAUS WINS.

Has It on Knockout Brown of Chi-

PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 30.-Frank his better infighting, and judging of distance, earned a shade last night over Knockout Brown of Chicago. Brown was

or some other city where a better finan-cial proposition can be had. Young Abe Attell of Pittsburgh knocked out Mike Fitzgerald of Philadeiphia in forty seconds in a preliminary bout

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